

pertaining to the qualification of foreign corporations for the doing of business in this State. Any such corporation shall, before constructing or operating such extensions, by an instrument executed and acknowledged on its behalf by its president or vice-president, under its seal attested by its secretary, and filed with the Secretary of State, designate the Secretary of State its agent to accept service of process on its behalf. Thereafter, such corporation shall have all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities of a cooperative. In the event any process shall be served upon the Secretary of State, he shall forthwith forward the same by registered mail to such corporation at the address thereof specified in the aforesaid instrument.

488. *Fees.* The State Tax Commission shall charge and collect for:

- (a) Filing articles of incorporation, ten dollars (\$10);
- (b) Filing articles of amendment, ten dollars (\$10);
- (c) Filing articles of consolidation or merger, ten dollars (\$10);
- (d) Filing articles of conversion, ten dollars (\$10);
- (e) Filing certificates of election to dissolve, ten dollars (\$10);
- (f) Filing articles of dissolution, ten dollars (\$10); and
- (g) Filing certificates of change of principal office, or of name or address of resident agent, two dollars (\$2).

489. *Exemption from Excise and Income Taxes—License Fee.* Each cooperative and each foreign corporation doing business in this State pursuant to this subheading shall pay annually, on or before the first day of July, to the State Tax Commission, a fee of ten dollars (\$10), but shall be exempt from all other excise and income taxes whatsoever.

490. *Protection of Cooperative's Territory.* (a) Whenever a cooperative or a group of persons which has formed a temporary organization with the intention of forming a cooperative or a foreign corporation transacting business in this State pursuant to this subheading, (herein called the "filing corporation"), shall file with the Maryland Public Service Commission (hereinafter called the "Commission") a map or maps indicating the area or areas in which the operations of said filing corporation are intended to be conducted, together with a statement verified by oath or affirmation to the effect that a majority of the potential users of electric energy, not then receiving central station electric service in said area or areas, have signified in writing their willingness to take service from the proposed system of said filing corporation it shall be unlawful for an electric utility, power and light